DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 January 9, 1984



ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE 1-06-84

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
ALL LICENSED ADOPTION AGENCIES

SUBJECT: AFDC-FC FORM "CERTIFICATION OF AFDC-FC REQUIREMENTS" (FC 5) - REVISION AND INSTRUCTIONS

The purpose of this letter is to transmit a copy of the most recent revision (dated 7/83) of the "Certification of AFDC-FC Requirements" (FC 5) form which is now available for purchase from the Department of Social Services. Also attached are clarifying instructions for those sections of the form which may not be self explanatory.

The FC 5 continues to be a required form with substitute permitted with department approval (See MPP Section 23-400.112). Counties should begin using the revised FC-5 as soon as possible and no later than February 1, 1984. As of that date, all prior approvals for substitute forms will be revoked. Counties desiring approval of substitute forms should send their requests to the Foster Care Program Management Bureau, 744 P Street, Mail Station 7-185, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Adoption agencies and probation departments should address questions concerning use of the FC 5 to their county welfare department. County welfare departments should address questions concerning the FC 5 to the Foster Care Program Management Bureau, 744 P Street, Mail Station 7-185, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 445-0813 (ATSS 485-0813).

Sincerely.

KYLE S. McKINSEY Deputy Director

Attachment

cc: CWDA

RUCTIONS: Complete in duplicate

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CERTIFICATION OF AFDC-FC REQUIREMENTS (FC-5) CLARIFYING INSTRUCTIONS

The "Certification of AFDC-FC Requirements" (FC 5) is a form used by placement workers to summarize crucial AFDC-FC eligibility information and to convey this information to eligibility workers who determine the child's AFDC-FC eligibility and payment amount. The placement worker must complete the FC 5 when any of the following events occur:

- o Application for AFDC-FC
- o Redetermination of AFDC-FC eligibility
- o Change in authority for placement
- o Change in placement
- o Change in the facility's licensing status
- o Change of payee or other payment information

Use of the FC 5 in the above situations is required by EAS Sections 45-201.45, 202.44, 202.53, 203.33 and 203.42. It may also be used to notify the eligibility worker when a child is no longer in placement in order to prevent overpayments and to convey placement cost data.

Section A - Authority for Placement

The appropriate line of this section, which describes the child's current authority for placement, must always be completed. Usually only one line applies. However, in some cases (e.g., a relinquished child for whom dependency has not been dismissed) more than one line would be completed. The "effective date" is the date the action establishing the authority for placement occurred; for example, the date the voluntary placement agreement was signed.

Section B - Court Order Status

"No change" entry may be used for this section.

Items la through le apply to all court orders and should be completed unless the "no change" entry is used.

Line 2 is completed if the reason for submitting the FC 5 is a change in the authority for placement.

Line 3 is completed if court jurisdiction has been transferred to another county.

Section C - Services Requirements

Section C, "Services Requirements", of the FC 5 has been revised to include space for reporting on the provision of preplacement preventive services. Both federal (Public Law 96-272) and state (WIC Section 11404(b)(l)) law require that these services be provided all children whose original date of placement is October 1, 1983 or later unless the child's authority for placement is guardianship, relinquishment or termination of parental rights.

When use of Section C is required, all items are to be completed. A "no change" entry may not be used. For the boxes in this section:

- o A check means that the action indicated has occurred.
- o No mark means the action has not occurred.
- o A "N/A" means the item is not applicable (see below).

The items and conditions under which "N/A" may be used are:

1 - Assessment and Service Plan

o The FC 5 is being completed less than 30 days after the original date of placement.

2 - Preplacement preventive services

- o The original date of placement was before October 1, 1983 or
- o The authority for placement is guardianship, relinquishment or termination of parental rights.

3a - Periodic reviews

- o the FC 5 is being completed less than 6 months after the original date of placement or
- o The authority for placement is guardianship.

3b - Permanency planning hearings

- o The FC 5 is being completed less than 18 months after the original date of placement or
- o The authority for placement is guardianship.

4 - Assessment and service plan update

- o The FC 5 is being completed less than 6 months after the original date of placement $\underline{\mathtt{and}}$
- o A periodic review has not been held.

5 - Visits with child

- o The FC 5 is being completed less than 6 months after the original date of placement \underline{and}
- o The child has not been visited.

Item 6 should be checked "Family Reunification" for children in emergency shelter care who are receiving Preplacement Preventive Services. (NOTE:

Refer to time study instructions which may differ for purposes of reporting provision of program services.)

Section D - Prior Placement

The use of this section is optional.

Section E - Current Facility Information

A "no change" entry may be used for this section.

Item 2, Facility Name, should include the program identification number assigned group homes and homefinding agencies by the SDSS Foster Care Rates Bureau when these numbers become available.

Item 2a, License Number, is optional but its use is strongly encouraged.

The second part (last three lines) of this section indicates facility type. All items for the specific facility type utilized must be completed. For example, if the facility is a private licensed group home items 5a and 5b as well as item 5 must be completed.

Section F - Payee/Payment Information

A "no change" entry may be used for this section.

Item 2, Payee Name, may be completed "see above" if the payee name is the same as the facility name indicated in Section E.

Items 5 through 6d regarding rates are optional items.

Item 5 is the approved group home rate for the program being utilized or the age-specific foster home rate in the county where the child is placed.

Items 6a through 6d refer to the supplement paid in specialized foster care situations.

Certification Statement

To be valid, the FC 5 must be signed by the placement worker.